

COUNCIL SET TO ACT ON CITY TAX

Next Meeting Set Tuesday On Incorporation

Lomita property owners have scheduled another meeting for Tuesday night at 8 p.m. after their somewhat stormy get-together last week discussing the hot subject of annexation of the area.

Tuesday's meet is scheduled for the George Sands home, 2119 W. 250th St.

Louis A. Grez, main speaker at last week's affair, blasted proponents of incorporation by indicating they were self-seeking individuals trying to put themselves in line for political offices. He continued by saying incorporation would only bring a rise in taxation.

The first step in incorporation procedure, filing of boundaries, already has been taken, an official said. Circulation of petitions, the second step in the plan, is now being made.

L. E. Ross, chairman of the Committee Opposing Incorporation of Lomita, presided at the meeting.

According to spokesman, a question and answer period after the main talks brought out these points, if the area were incorporated councilmen could allow gambling establishments to come in, if they so desired; five men could be elected to the council from the same block, not from districts; oil drilling would be allowed even if people were against it, as the case is in Wilmington.

Grez concluded the period by responding to the query, why are so many areas moving now for incorporation? Promoters are being paid by the League of Cities to drum up the idea, Grez said.

Republicans In Election

The newly organized Torrance Young Republicans' Club met last week and elected officers for the coming year.

Harry Herranen was selected as president, Bob Aguilar, first vice president; Betty Chapman, second vice president; Betty Puccetti, secretary; and Bob Tolson, treasurer.

Leonard D. Miceli, San Pedro attorney and member of Senator Tom Kuchel's Speakers Bureau, addressed the group concerning the selection of, and voting for, candidates in the November election.

Walteria Businessmen To Stage Annual Picnic

The Walteria Businessmen's Club will stage its annual parade and picnic Sept. 15 at Walteria Park, the group announced Friday.

Youngsters on bicycles and horses will probably make up the major portion of the parade. It will start at 10:30 a.m. and move on to the park where the feast will follow.

Anyone interested in parade information is asked to contact Virgil Hancock.

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Fund Drive Started For 125-Bed Hospital

\$700,000 Needed From Cities In South Bay Area

The fund drive to raise \$766,320 in Torrance and the beach cities for the new tax-free Little Company of Mary Hospital was launched Friday at a preliminary luncheon meeting held in Torrance.

George W. Post, of the Torrance Branch, California Bank, who has been named treasurer of the campaign, called the meeting to explain to representatives of Torrance civic groups the objectives of the Catholic nursing sisters who will operate the 125-bed institution and to discuss plans for the campaign organization.

The new hospital, to be located on Torrance Blvd., near the intersection of Hawthorne Blvd., will serve Torrance, Palos Verdes Estates, Redondo Hills, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach and Manhattan Beach. This area is described by the California Department of Public Health as having the most critical shortage of hospital facilities of any area in the entire state.

At Meeting

Attending Friday's meeting were Post, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. O'Dwyer, director of health and welfare, Archdiocese of Los Angeles; King Williams, publisher of the Torrance Herald; Leonard Ensminger, superintendent of the Torrance Memorial Hospital; Dr. Kurt Sherry, president of the staff, Torrance Memorial Hospital; Dr. Ray Larson, president of the local Rotary Club; Joe Doss, president, Kiwanis Club; Dean L. Seary, manager Bank of America, Torrance branch; Bill King, member of the Planning Commission; Abe Robinson, president of the Lions Club; and Sam Levy, Torrance businessman.

Post said the gathering was held primarily to inform major civic interest of the need and of the sponsorship of the new institution.

"Even though we have recently completed a campaign for expansion of the Torrance Memorial Hospital," he declared, "we will face an extremely critical hospital bed shortage which jeopardizes the health security of every resident of the South Bay cities area."

Other Hospitals

"This new Catholic hospital will be patterned after some 4000 community and denominational hospitals across the nation which have proven to be



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DRIVE LEADERS . . . Looking over plans for drive to raise more than \$700,000 for Little Company of Mary Hospital in Torrance are (left to right) George W. Post, treasurer of the campaign; the Right Rev. Monsignor Thomas J. O'Dwyer, director of health and welfare for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and George Schneider, who handled transaction of acquiring land for the new hospital.

the backbone of the highest standards of medical care. It will be a voluntary, non-profit, tax-free institution, fully accredited; which will assure our people of the best possible hospital care."

The fund campaign will be conducted by Western Associates Financing Council Inc., of Beaumont, which during the past five years has directed numerous successful hospital drives in Southern California communities. Campaign headquarters has been established at 1728 Andree Ave. An information office will be located

in Redondo Beach. Co-directors of the fund-raising effort will be James B. Crane, Western Associates vice president, and Richard D. Pearsall.

Pay Campaign Fees

Post explained that the Little Company of Mary, which has a long and successful record of hospital operation in the midwest, will pay all campaign fees and expenses, so that 100 cents of every dollar given for the new hospital will go toward constructing and equipping the facility.

The project will cost approximately \$2,300,000.

SCHOOLS SEEK CIVIC GROUP ENDORSEMENT

Charlton A. Newborn, president of the Torrance Unified School District Board of Education, and Dr. J. H. Hull, local school superintendent, recently requested that presidents of all local civic organizations endorse the state school building loan and override tax.

Major reason for the request was the fact that the Torrance Board of Education exhausted all local and Federal funds needed to alleviate the school housing problem in Torrance, limiting the solution to this critical problem to funds derived through a state school building loan.

The request pointed out the fact that state funds are only available for unhouseed children, and that the Board was calling for an increase in the tax ceiling for the district of 75 cents per \$100 assessed valuation.

An estimate was made that if the 75 cent increase were levied, it would cost the home owner, with a house assessed at \$2000 for tax purposes, an additional \$15 a year.

Temperatures

	Low	High
Sunday	47	74
Monday	49	73
Tuesday	51	74
Wednesday	55	73
Thursday	58	82
Friday	61	78
Saturday	62	76

Expect Annual Los Angeles County Fair to Draw Better Than Million

Offering a panorama of amazing magnitude and diversity with a background of color, music and pageantry, the 28th annual Los Angeles County Fair opens its gates in Pomona, Sept. 14 for 17 days, closing Sept. 30. Under the banner, "A Pageant of Progress," it will be a striking dramatization of achievement in agriculture, industry and the cultural pursuits.

Never has the fair contained so much variety, so much that will appeal to every member of the family and so much that will tickle every taste, according to President-Manager C. B. Afferbaugh. Facilities have been expanded to accommodate its largest demonstration of achievement and an attendance surpassing last year's total of 1,021,909.

Year of Preparation

Culminating a year of intensive preparation, the \$20,000,000 stage is set for an exposition of achievement reflecting the amazing growth and devel-

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Present Rate To Be Retained

The 1956-57 city tax rate, determined at the same \$1.184 rate as last year's, will probably be passed by the City Council at its first reading Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, a city official said Friday.

Based on an assessed valuation of more than \$109 million, the rate has failed to rise over the 1955-57 mark. Fixing of rates of taxes and levying taxes for the coming fiscal year will be the final item on a jam-packed agenda. It will be presented to the council as an urgency ordinance.

The rate is being fixed now in accordance with Section 51511 of the Government Code, which dictates that annually, before Sept. 1, the city legislative body shall fix the rate of taxes. They are designated in the amount of dollars and cents on \$100.

Assessed valuation of Torrance Tax District 1 has been put at \$31,619,020, while the assessed value of Torrance Tax District 2 is \$78,147,580.

A variety of other actions face the Council Tuesday.

A petition from residents of Denny Road in the Walteria sector to keep trees in that area will be studied by city officials. Construction in widening the road has posed a threat to the trees, an official stated.

Discussion of proposed \$100 a month salary for Councilmen is also on the agenda. At the last election the residents of Torrance voted to pay salaries

to Councilmen by passing an amendment to the city charter.

Also set to be acted upon Tuesday is the matter of choosing an official tree for the city. The Catalina Ironwood tree, proposed as the city tree by the Torrance Rotary Club, Green-thumbers Garden Club and Beau Jardin Club will probably get the nod.

Council members were to act on the tree proposal last week but they tabled the motion.

Hebrew Holiday Celebration Plans Completed

The Gardena Valley Jewish Center will hold High Holiday services in its newly completed building at 144725 S. Gramercy Pl., Gardena. Rabbi Moshe Amine and choir will conduct services.

Tickets may be purchased at the Center building every Monday and Thursday evenings between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. or the following individuals may be contacted: Al Hayman, 2002 W. 148th St., Gardena; Louis Halpin, 1529 W. 152nd St., Gardena; or Max Stern, 17214 S. Ardath, Torrance. All seats are reserved, so it is urged that ticket reservations be made as soon as possible.

Rosh Hashana, New Year Day in Judaism, is not at all an astronomical phenomenon, but primarily a day of spiritual significance. It is the day on which every Jew is called upon to take a spiritual inventory of his own life, and to re-order his ways in keeping with God's will.

Yom Kippur is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. It is the great day of reconciliation between man and man, and man and God. As a fast day, it is spent in the House of God, in prayer for the forgiveness of sins, and in solemn resolution to abide by the law of God.

Fire Captain Lauded

William N. Roberts, county fire captain, of 21206 S. Vermont Ave., recently was awarded a pin for serving Los Angeles County for 25 years by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Torrance Men Finish Class

Otto W. Gilbertson, of 3711 W. 225th St., Torrance, teacher in Redondo Union High School, has completed six weeks of classes in driver education on an Allstate Foundation scholarship at the University of Southern California, Robert C. Hall, of 21702 Evalyn Ave., Torrance, was also in the class but not on a scholarship.

This is the fourth year that SC has received a \$5000 grant from the Allstate Foundation with which to give scholarships to 42 high school teachers of driver training to attend the summer classes. Similar grants are given to 32 other colleges and universities throughout the nation.

An advanced workshop was taught by Cecil G. Zaun, supervisor of safety in the Los Angeles city schools. Basic courses were taught by Warren M. Epinette, coordinator of driver training, and Walter G. Patterson, teacher of driver education, both of the Los Angeles city schools.



GUEST SOLOIST . . . Slated to entertain music lovers with piano solos at the South Bay Symphony's outdoor recital Aug. 26 in Torrance Park is Gloria Snyder. She will be heard when the civic musical group convenes in the Bandshell at the park at 3 p.m. The Torrance Recreation Department is co-sponsoring the affair with the symphony group.



AT AQUACADE . . . This throng watches during Aquacade act last week in new city plunge at Civic Center grounds. Water show was part of dedication feast and was under

direction of Harry Van Bellehem, city recreation head, and Marce Wright, Cliff Graybehl and Von Hershey, of the rec department. Show was re-staged on Sunday afternoon.